

a water butt and the other on a fence post. These were close to a small stand of young Larch *Larix decidua*. A careful search of the Larch revealed no further specimens nor have I found any in the neighbouring coniferous woodlands.

In Scotland this beetle has been found mainly in the lowlands although Lyszkowski (1987. Seven species of Coleoptera apparently unrecorded from Scotland. *Entomologist's mon. Mag.* **123**: 250), discovered it in West Inverness in 1984.

It is likely from my records that a substantial population probably exists in North Aberdeenshire. ARTHUR W. EWING, Wester Duncanstone, Inch, Aberdeenshire AB52 6YX (E-mail : arthur-ewing@beeb.net).

An old record of *Melandrya barbata* (Fabr.) (Col.: Melandryidae) from North Hampshire

British records of the saproxylic beetle *Melandrya barbata* are very few, and this species is categorised as *Red Data Book* category 1 (Endangered) in Hyman & Parsons (1992. *A review of the scarce and threatened Coleoptera of Great Britain*, U.K. Nature Conservation 3. JNCC). The only certain British records are from the New Forest, South Hampshire and Chiddingfold, Surrey (Allen, 1972, *Ent. mon. Mag.* **108**: 172). As a result of examining material in the Tomlin collection at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, two specimens of this species were found.

One specimen is labelled Rhinefield, New Forest, June 1896, Jackson. The other specimen is labelled Stratfield Turgis, 1914, J. Coventry. This locality is in North Hampshire very close to Stratfield Saye Park and other well wooded areas.— BRIAN LEVEY, Department of Biodiversity & Systematic Biology, National Museums & Galleries of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NP.

Moths on buses

Working in the passenger transport business, I often find moths on buses whilst servicing the vehicles at night. This has caused a dilemma for submitting my records! Do I record the bus garage as the locality, or look to see which route the vehicle was on during the day and choose a point along that route? Any help on this matter would be appreciated; at present, I am ignoring any moths actually found on the buses no matter how interesting they are.

The garage in question is at Bexleyheath, in north-western Kent at grid reference TQ 497757. The exterior lights around the garage are a mixture of sodium, fluorescent and halogen types and have provided some good records. Some of the most interesting during 2000 have been the Maiden's Blush *Cyclophora punctaria*, the Small Blood-vein *Scopula imitaria*, the Least Carpet *Idaea rusticata*, the Large Ranunculus *Polymixis flavicincta*, the Buttoned Snout *Hypena rostralis* and Leopard Moth *Zeuzera pyrina*.— TONY STEELE, 57 Westfield Road, Barnehurst, Kent DA7 6LR.